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THE PACIFIC e-HEALTH INNOVATION CENTER AT TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER, HONOLULU, HI NAMED WINNER OF THE PONO TECHNOLOGY AWARD

January 7, 2001 - Honolulu, HI. Imark Communications has presented its **Pono Technology Award** to the PACIFIC e-HEALTH INNOVATION CENTER (P-eIC) at Tripler Army Medical Center. The award is given to organizations that demonstrate leadership, serve as an example of real-world risks, challenges, benefits and realizations to “doing it right”, and motivate other organizations in the state of Hawaii to follow the lead and initiate similar projects.

The PACIFIC e-HEALTH INNOVATION CENTER as a whole, has crafted a new technology concept of research and demonstration/validation in association with a live test environment (Tripler Army Medical Center, Makalapa, Hickam Air Force Base, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Pacific Island beneficiaries, Department of Defense, Asia healthcare facilities, etc.) that is without peer in the public and private sectors.

Peter Kay, the Pono Technology Award Event Chair said, “This award, in its first year, recognizes the achievements of Hawaii-based organizations that have demonstrated leadership and have overcome significant barriers and challenges in implementing technology solutions.”

P-eIC was selected as the Pono Technology Award winner in the “Government” category, narrowly besting tough competitors such as the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation’s Telemedicine Network, the Kauai County Housing Agency, and the Honolulu City and County Employees Federal Credit Union. Other categories included Education, Large Enterprise, Small Business, and Non-Profit.

The award was presented at a special recognition banquet during the recent Hawaii High Technology Showcase held at the Hawaii Convention Center.

"We are extremely proud of the work we have done here at Tripler Army Medical Center, and it is gratifying to know that others recognize the value and importance of this research and demonstration of outcomes," said Colonel Rosemary Nelson, Chief Information Officer and Program Manager of the PACIFIC e-HEALTH INNOVATION CENTER. "I feel that it is the leadership at Tripler, which continues to challenge the status quo and the culture here. Major General Nancy R. Adams, the Commanding General of Tripler has cultivated and embraced the innovation that is found at P-eIC, and in fact, constantly encourages us to think “outside the box”."

The PACIFIC E-HEALTH INNOVATION CENTER focuses on outcomes in a number of areas:

- **Applied E-Health**—improves patient care through remote access to healthcare services and providers
- **Research and Concept Exploration**—investigates promising clinical research questions and emerging technology issues resulting in contributions to the scientific discipline of clinical informatics
- **Distance Learning and Student Mentorship**—facilitates internal and external training and education to various organizations in the Pacific to include mentorships for Native Hawaiians and distance learning programs

- **E-Health Process and Policy Analysis**—fosters change management to support use of technology to meet military readiness requirements and assesses policy issues needing review due to Business Process Reengineering and technology capabilities
- **E-Health Collaborations**—promotes collaborative relations, partnerships, and strategic alliances for information sharing and dissemination of Telehealth resources and knowledge

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